

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (New) A ball joint comprising:

a housing (12);

a ball pin (14);

a sealing bellows (22) which lies against said housing (12) and said ball pin (14) in order to seal between said housing (12) and said ball pin(14); and

wherein said housing (12) has a cylindrical section with a holding surface (30) against which a sealing surface (32) of said bellow lies, said cylindrical housing section adjoining a curved housing section, said curved housing section having a curved outer surface, said cylindrical housing section and said curved housing section being separated from each other by a step (28) in said housing.

Claim 5 (New) The ball joint according to claim 4, wherein said sealing bellows includes a middle section that lies against said curved outer surface of said curved housing section and is retained by an interlocking fit.

Claim 6 (New) A ball joint comprising:

a housing (12);

a ball pin (14);

said housing (12) and said ball pin (14) being centered on an axis;

a sealing bellows (22) which lies against said housing (12) and said ball pin (14) in order to seal between said housing (12) and said ball pin (14); and

wherein said housing (12) has a cylindrical holding surface (30) against which a sealing surface (32) of said sealing bellows lies, said cylindrical holding surface being centered on said axis and extending axially, said cylindrical holding surface adjoining a radially outwardly extending step extending from one end of said cylindrical surface and defining a step surface, and said housing having a curved outer surface axially curved radially inwardly from the radially outer end of said step, said step being located between and adjoining said cylindrical surface and said curved outer surface.

Claim 7 (New) The ball joint according to claim 6, wherein said sealing bellows includes a middle section that lies against said curved outer surface of said housing and is retained by an interlocking fit.